



Six Month AmeriCorps Service Term

NOTE: Position is term limited and grant funded

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Seasonal Interpreter/Recreator (SIR)

Division of Tennessee State Parks, Bureau of Parks and Conservation

Salary: \$10.00/Hour for 37.5 Hour Week + Educational Stipend

Position Located at Port Royal State Historic Park

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The department is responsible for:

- Safeguarding the health and safety of Tennessee citizens from environmental hazards;
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water, and
- Managing the system of 56 Tennessee State Parks and 85 Natural Areas

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from dedicated fees and state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. The department is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

Summary & Distinguishing Features

Seasonal Interpreter/Recreators (SIRs) provide interpretive programs for park guests such as guided tours, hikes, workshops, canoe floats, slide shows, demonstrations, campfires and other outdoor activities. They assist park rangers in the protection of natural and cultural features, and other resource management-related activities as assigned. SIRs work with park rangers to ensure that park facilities, buildings, grounds and equipment are secure, and assist with inspection and maintenance. Additional duties include general administrative responsibilities including writing reports, maintaining records, and scheduling, delegating and executing work assignments.

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Duties and Essential Functions

Seasonal Interpreter/Recreators (SIRs) primary responsibilities include:

- Providing interpretive programs
- Resource management activities
- General administrative tasks

Competencies

- Personality and communication skills conducive to work in public service required
- Candidate must be a self-starter and able to complete tasks with minimal supervision
- Sound knowledge or willingness to learn about the natural and cultural history of the park area
- Strong writing skills to organize park information, complete reports, generate interpretive program outlines and respond to requests for park information
- A valid vehicle operator license required
- Desirable but not required certifications: CPR, Advanced First Aid, or First Responder
- Good physical condition: ability to do much hiking, climbing and carrying; ability to perform responsibly under emergency situations

Qualifications

At a minimum, the applicant must be a sophomore by credit hours working toward an undergraduate degree in general life sciences, forestry, wildlife, geology, geography, history, anthropology/archaeology, environmental science, park administration, natural resource-based recreation, etc. Coursework in outdoor leadership and/or wilderness skills is supportive and desirable but not mandatory. If selected for an interview, the applicant is required to have a copy of his current college/university transcript and a completed State of Tennessee employment application.

Candidates appointed must pass a criminal background check.

All interested candidates should submit resume and cover letter to:

Emily Stevenson, Tennessee State Park Ranger, **Emily.Stevenson@tn.gov**.

The position will remain open until filled. Additional questions regarding the position should be sent to Emily.Stevenson@tn.gov.

Emily Stevenson, Park Ranger 1, Tennessee State Parks

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